with the State Governments. Towards this end, apart from other measures, particular attention has been given to strengthening and streamlining of the mechanisms for real time flow and sharing of information and intelligence among the various agencies and the States, and coordination between the Central Agencies and the State authorities at the operational level. The Central Government is also assisting the States to strengthen their preparedness to deal with terrorist activities and other security challenges through a number of schemes which, *inter-alia*, include assistance for weaponry, equipments, infrastructure, training facilities, etc., under the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces; sanction of India Reserve Battalions with additional assistance to raise 2 Coys per Bn. as Commando Units; reimbursement of certain types of security related expenditure to States affected by terrorist/militant/extremist violence, etc.

Recently, the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2008 has been enacted with a view to strengthening the legal framework for dealing with terrorist activities, including financing of terrorism and terrorist organisations, etc. The National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 has also been passed and the National Investigation Agency has been constituted to investigate certain types of offences relating to legislations included in the Schedule to the Act, which may have inter-State and international linkages and ramifications for national security. The NIA will operate in a concurrent jurisdiction framework and wherever it takes up a case for investigation, it would work in close association and collaboration with the State authorities concerned. It is expected that the recent legislative measures would help to further strengthen the overall security apparatus.

Rapid action units of NSG in States

291. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has cleared a plan to urgently deploy rapid action units of National Security Guard in six or seven States including Mumbai until the State units are created;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to utilize personnel of commandos units of the three armed forces in the States;

(c) whether Prime Minister has also emphasized need to step up security;

(d) if so, whether any strategy has been developed to tackle terrorism as India has paid heavy price for its inaction; and

(e) the extent Government is hopeful of meeting the situation of terrorism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) the Government has decided in principle to set up NSG hubs in the Metropolitan

cities of Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Mumbai for swift deployment of the force in any emergent crisis situations.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Government remains firmly committed to counter the challenges posed by terrorism, and a multi-pronged strategy is being pursued towards this end, in close conjunction with the State Governments. This, *inter-alia*, includes, measures to check infiltration from across the borders through intensive patrolling, border fencing and flood lighting, etc.; strengthening the arrangements for coastal security through intensified vigilance and patrolling, both on the shores and in the waters, by the State Police, Coast Guard and the Navy; strengthening and streamlining of the arrangements for gathering analysis and sharing of real time intelligence between the agencies and with/among States, and coordinated action thereon; assistance to the State Governments for upgradation and modernization of the State Police Forces; raising of India Reserve Battalions, with additional assistance for raising 2 Coys per Bn. As Commando Units; strengthening the legal framework for dealing with terrorist offences; and various initiatives for cooperation with other countries at the bilateral and multi-lateral levels to deal with the challenges posed by terrorism, etc. in the context of strengthening the legal frame-work, the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2008, the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 and the CISF (Amendment) Ordinance, 2009 have been enacted/issued recently. In addition, notifications have also been issued whereunder the Government/NSG can requisition civil aircraft in the event of emergency to ensure speedy movement. Measures to strengthen the internal security/counter terrorism apparatus are being reviewed regularly, and further steps as required would be taken on a continuing basis.

Fencing on international border

292. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI N. K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even one third of the total length of the international border land is fenced till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that there are several gaping holes in our border that needs immediate plugging;

(d) if so, whether Government proposes to install satellite sensor on borders to prevent intrusions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the entire international border land is likely to be fenced?